

OMAHA AS GRAIN MARKET

February Report of Government Shows It Second in Corn Receipts.

FIFTH PLACE IN WHEAT TRANSACTIONS

In the Oats Market Omaha Ranks Sixth in Receipts and Third in Shipments for February.

The growing importance of Omaha as a primary grain market is strikingly attested in the recent issue of the report for February of the Department of Commerce and Labor at Washington. Notwithstanding the approach of the dull season in grain transactions, Omaha retained its lead as the third primary corn market of the world and was far in advance of the business of Kansas City in this respect.

Omaha ranked first in receipts and shipments of wheat for the month in question, but showed a large increase over the receipts and shipments during the corresponding month of 1906. For the two months ending February 23, Omaha was fifth in wheat shipments and sixth in receipts, but this is not indicative of the actual position of the Omaha market, as the receipts for the two months increased two and one quarter times over those during the same two months of 1906, and the wheat shipments doubled in comparison.

From which it will be seen that the business of Omaha is increasing materially in wheat as well as in other coarse grains.

Corn receipts during February increased 300,000 bushels to 2,113,000 bushels, and shipments increased 655,000 bushels to 2,004,000 bushels.

Five cities received more oats during the month in question than did Omaha, but this market was third in shipments. For the two months of 1907 Omaha ranked fourth in receipts and third in shipments, outranking Kansas City in oats as well as corn during the two months.

Oats receipts increased 300,000 bushels to 2,113,000 bushels, as compared with the first two months of last year, and shipments increased 780,000 bushels to 2,004,000 bushels.

Showing is Satisfactory. The showing made by the Omaha market in the report of the department is considered most satisfactory and grain dealers are unanimous in the opinion that Omaha is bound to become one of the greatest primary markets for all grains in the world.

The elevators here are taxed to their capacity at present and even in view of the fact that the capacity has been materially increased recently by the erection of the new Nye-Schneider-Powder elevator at Twenty-sixth and Oak streets. The cash business on the local exchange, which has been established only three years, has expanded to large proportions.

Stewards of the local grain companies are considerably full of oats, the last of which, but receipts of all grains have been shipped during the last few days. The market continues strong and many are made on the local exchange for export.

GRY. The receipts at other cities as compared with those at Omaha are not a true criterion of business transacted, as some of the cars received at Chicago, Minneapolis, Duluth and Kansas City are cars sold on this exchange and shipped to other centers.

During the last few days receipts have fallen off, but this condition is in like degree at other markets. Farmers are busy preparing and tilling the fields for planting the new crops and pay little attention to market conditions for any grain which they may have in reserve.

Even if the market should rise several cents per bushel it is doubtful if the present light receipts would increase materially, as farmers are too busy at spring work to take time to shell corn or haul grain to market. This condition will continue for some time, but the effect is the same on all other primary markets.

SPECULATING ON HET VOLK

Pretoria Wonders What Will Be Done by Parliament Now in Session.

PRETORIA, April 13.—(Special).—The so-called triumph of the "Het Volk" has swept into the upper house many characters and names fairly representative of the old Boer regime. Whether they will use their power well or not remains to be demonstrated. J. E. Van der Merwe is the chairman of the Transvaal Farmer's union and by no means over subservient to the Het Volk; Robertson is really a Scotchman, but an "old Boer," and married to a Boer wife is a Boer of the Boers; A. D. Wolmarans is the only remnant of the old Krugersdorp faction, most unpopular with the larger section of the Boer community, as having been the third who collared the funds and did none of the fighting, making Holland a rendezvous and a place of safety.

Gough Crawford is an able financier and a good representative man, worthy of the position; a Pretoria magnate, once connected with the firm of Messrs Lewis & Marks. Mr. Samuel Marks, the head of that firm, a man of great wealth, is a general favorite and quite a character in his way. He prizes himself as a commanding position for occupying consistently a commanding position on the fence, describes himself as "only an old Jew" and is known as one of the shrewdest and one of the wildest conversationalists, and one of the best hosts in the Transvaal. He it was who said when the conversation was turning on the various men on whose shoulders the mantle of Rhodes was supposed to have fallen, "I'm an old man who in his time has had considerable experience with 'el' clo' and I find they seldom fit."

When he heard of J. B. Robinson's dote of \$5,000 to the unemployed the other day, he said: "Well, I'm only an old Jew boy, but I've studied the Bible. When the Jews were in the wilderness God gave them manna and they took forty years to go through with it; if they had had no manna they would have got out of that wilderness in forty days!"

Have Root print it.

VIEWING LIFE IN THE NAVY

Writer of Sea Tales Gets Needed Experience on Fighting Ships.

With only good words of Uncle Sam's sailor boys, James B. Connolly of South Boston, author of sea stories, Olympic games champion and friend of President Roosevelt, returned home from a ten weeks' trip, thirty-one days of which time he was in the United States navy at the suggestion of the president making a study of battleship life.

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"Whether the men treated me well or ill could have nothing to do with my learning of how a battleship is managed, but as a matter of fact such of the men as I became acquainted with, accorded me the same treatment that my knowledge of human nature leads me to believe is ever given the well behaved man of average intelligence by red-blooded men everywhere.

"They were kind and forbearing, good shipmates all. I came home after two months of ship life simply because it was time for me to make good on other work which I was pledged to deliver. It doesn't matter much what the public thinks of me, but it does matter to me if they get the impression that I wasn't well treated by the men of the navy."

"I enlisted in December and resigned from service January 21. During February I was the guest of the officers of the battleship Missouri. I enlisted in the navy in order to get ideas. Although my original enlistment was for four years I never intended to stay that long. My understanding with the Navy department was that I could leave whenever I chose. I never endeavored to conceal my identity."

During his brief term in the service, Mr. Connolly, who enlisted as landsman, was shortly afterward rated a yeoman of the first class, went to Guantanamo bay, Cuba, and St. Thomas, Danish West Indies. He acted as Admiral Davis' orderly during the earthquake troubles at Kingston. He remained at Jamaica for three days with Admiral Davis, and was the admiral's personal attendant during his controversy with Governor Swettenham. Mr. Connolly was at the American hospital established by the surgeons of the United States fleet, and which was abandoned by order of Governor Swettenham after 120 cases had been treated, these being men, women and children who had been turned away because of lack of facilities from the regular hospitals—Boston Globe.

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